

In re application of: **Anne Marie Schmidt and David Stern**Serial No.: **09/166,649**Examiner: **E. O'Hara**Filed: **October 5, 1998**Art Unit: **1646**For: **METHODS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS CAPABLE  
OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE WITH RAGE**

January 5, 2001

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

  X   Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.       a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.  X   No additional fee is required, except for \$445.00 fee for a three-month extension of time.

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 10, 2000 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 10, 2000 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 10, 2000 Office Action was originally due October 10, 2000. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to January 10, 2001. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Therefore, a response to the July 10, 2000 Office Action is now due January 10, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Please amend the specification under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.